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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2

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**CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. A bullet shaped line clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:  
a body composed of a bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

a first curved gripping surface on said body, said first curved gripping surface undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners to thereby inhibit line damping, said first curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said second end, said first curved gripping